subsistence, Central Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments to regularise such encroachments as they had, in accordance with some eligibility norm, decided to regularise prior to the enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and implementation of which decision was prevented by the said Act coming into force.

Financial Assistance to Kerala for Strengthening Technical Education

4296. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government have given any financial assistance to the State of Kerala to strengthen the quality of the technical education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the entire amount of assistance has been placed at the disposal of Kerala Government; and

(d) if not, by when the balance of financial assistance will be released?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Government have provided financial assistance to technical institutions of Kerala State under various Central Schemes with a view to augment infrastructural facilities and strengthen the quality of technical education. A statement showing details of financial assistance provided is given below. Besides, the Central Government is assisting Kerala State in the implementation of its project for upgradation of polytechnic education with World Bank assistance, at an estimate cost of Rs. 35 crores during 1990-1997.

(c) Under the Direct Central Assistance Schemes, the entire amount is released directly to technical institutions. In respect of World Bank assisted project, the entire cost is initially provided in the State Plan and reimbursement claimed on the basis of actual expenditure incurred periodically.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

S. No.	*Scheme*	*No. of Technical Institutions supported*	*Amount released during 1985-86 to 1990-91 (Rs. in lakhs)*
1	Thrust areas of Technical Education	7	540.00
2	Modernisation & Removal of obsolescence in workshops/Laboratories.	17 (includes 10 Polytechnics)	760.00
3	Institutional network scheme	1	12.50
4	Development of Postgraduate courses. and Research work.	3	298.40
5	Research & Development scheme	1	22.00
		Total	1632.90